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Buford Is Candidate For NEA President

Illinois teachers and administrators are hopeful that John Lester Buford, '28, the candidate they have endorsed, will be the next president of the National Education Association. Selection of NEA president will be made in July at the organization's national convention in Chicago.

Buford, superintendent of Mt. Vernon (Ill.) schools since 1937, is presently serving the NEA as first vice president. He has been an NEA director from Illinois since 1947 and past Illinois Education Association division legislative chairman. He is a former president of the Illinois Schoolmasters Club and Illinois Association of School Administrators.

Endorsements of Buford's candidacy for NEA president have come from the Illinois Education Association, Illinois Association of School Boards, Illinois Association of County Superintendents, Illinois Association of School Administrators, Illinois Association of Classroom Teachers and the Mt. Vernon Education Association.

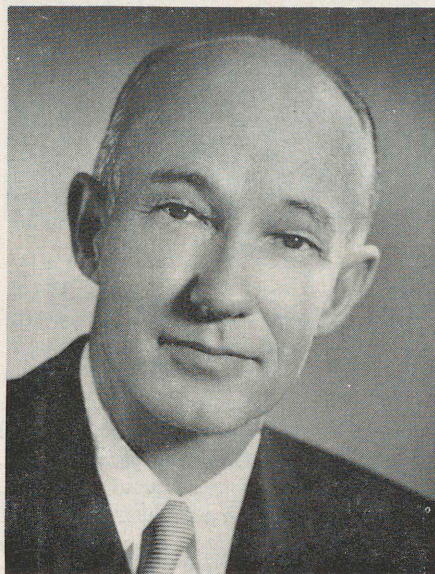
After graduation from Southern, Buford received the master's degree from the University of Michigan and did additional graduate work at the University of Illinois. He has an honorary doctor's degree from McKendree College.

Mrs. Buford is the former Dorothy Draper, ex '26. They have three children: Mrs. Jack DeCamp (Barbara), ex '53, and Dick and Phil.

Petition To Be Presented To Legislature

SIU students, faculty, and employees have signed a petition asking for increased aid to Southern.

The petition will be submitted to the 69th General Assembly very soon, according to David McAfee, sophomore member of the Circle K Club, campus service organization distributing the petition.



John Lester Buford, '28

Resolution Sent To Governor And Legislators

Governor William G. Stratton and members of the Illinois Legislature have recently received from the SIU Alumni Association copies of the resolution passed by the alumni Board of Directors in a special meeting on January 15.

The resolution, given unanimous approval by the board, asks 1) for the establishment of a public bonding authority to borrow money and issue bonds to make possible additional buildings necessary throughout the State of Illinois and particularly at Southern Illinois University; 2) that the Occupational Retailers' Tax be increased to provide additional revenue for the State to perform their necessary governmental functions and particularly provide the necessary operational funds for the progress and development of Southern Illinois University; and 3) that by whatever means possible, it is imperative to maintain the qualitative level of work at Southern Illinois University, which means a budget for the '55-'57 biennium of \$16,500,000 for operation.

SIU A Capella Choir Annual Tour Planned

Plans for the annual state tour of the 53-voice Southern Illinois University a capella choir are nearing completion, according to Floyd Wakeland, director.

The singers will make their first appearance in Harrisburg and Carmi on March 13. Other concerts will follow at Norris City and Fairfield, March 14; Olney, March 15; Vandalia, March 16; Springfield and Pontiac, March 17; Hammond, Ind., March 18; and Chicago, March 19 and 20.

The concerts in Chicago will be given at the YMCA, St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran church; Peace Memorial church and Orchestra Hall.

The Madrigal Singers and several instrumental soloists will appear with the choir.

SIU Alumni Address Career Conference

Business, industrial and faculty speakers from some 40 different fields of work appeared on the program of the third SIU Career Conference on campus on January 27.

Titled "40,000 Jobs and You," the conference was directed by a steering committee of 15 students.

Several alumni appeared on the program as guests speakers. Marguerite Robinson, '34, field representative of the American Institute of Baking, spoke to those students interested in careers in home economics. Other alums speaking were: Anne West, '35, reporter and feature writer; J. Lester Buford, '28, Mt. Vernon superintendent of schools; Ed Curtis, ex '33, president of the Peoples Bank of Pana; Dr. Wellington Thalman, Jr., '50, dentist; Miss Jean Violet, '51, Marion public school teacher; W. C. Etherton, ex '38, Carbondale National bank cashier; and Bonnie Lockwood, '39, SIU assistant professor.

Bonnie Bunch Wins National Beauty Title

Bonnie Bunch, 18-year-old freshman, was chosen "Miss Rural Electrification of 1955" in a beauty contest at the annual convention of the national Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Atlantic City, N. J., on Feb. 14.

Miss Bunch, blue-eyed blond farm girl from Kampsville, Ill., qualified for the Atlantic City contest by winning the Miss Illinois Rural Electrification title in September. She was also Illinois Fruit Queen last year.

Service To Southern Awards Presented

Robert Wagner, Belleville senior, and Juanita Peradotto, Eagarville senior, were presented the "Service to Southern" awards at the close of the annual Theta Xi variety show on February 11. The awards are made to the most outstanding man and woman students in recognition of their service to Southern.

Curt Ray, St. Louis radio personality, served as master of ceremonies for the 23-act show.

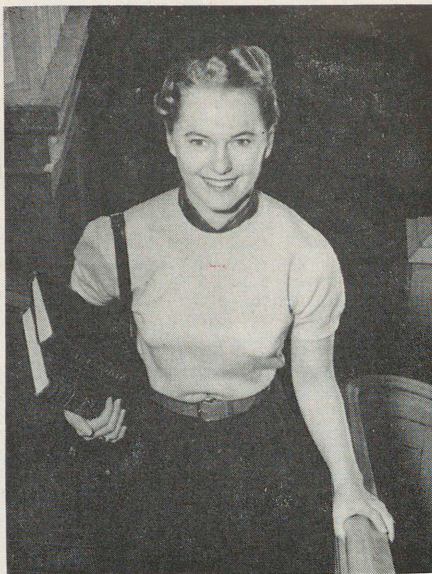
Sigma Pi fraternity's "Mum's the Word" was named group first place winner. Delta Zeta sorority's "Totem's Told'em" won second. Individual act first place went to The Kappaleers, a musical quintet composed of Richard White, Carl Anderson and Harold Perry, all of St. Louis, Reginal Petty, East St. Louis, and Marvin Taborn, Chicago. Ronald Danko, Villa Park, and Robert Anderson, Pinckneyville, won second place.

Washington, D. C., Alumni Club Program Announced

The annual program of activities for the Washington, D. C., alumni club has been received by the Alumni Service from Eugene V. Dabney, ex '36, club president.

The following meeting dates have been planned: March 12, annual banquet; May 14, spring party; July 17, picnic outing; September 24, fall party and November 19, annual meeting.

Dabney writes that the banquet committee is "working vigorously" to have an interesting program. SIU alumni in the Washington, D. C., area may contact Dabney at 3414 S. Utah St., Arlington, Virginia.



Miss Bonnie Bunch

"PRAIRIE FARMER" GIVES SCHOLARSHIP

The "Prairie Farmer" magazine publishing company recently presented to SIU an agricultural journalism scholarship fund. Ralph Yohe, associate editor of the magazine, announced the establishment of the fund when he appeared as guest speaker in a "Jobs in Journalism" lecture series on January 19.

Yohe pointed out that the scholarship is being set up to encourage young people to enter the field of agricultural journalism as a profession.

W. E. Keeper, acting director of the Division of Rural Studies, accepted the \$300 scholarship fund which will be given yearly to an agriculture major as he enters his junior year.

The first scholarship will be awarded for the fall term.

To Make Appearance

The Aquettes, Southern's first women's swimming group, are expected to make their first public appearance at the annual SIU Spring Festival in April.

Under the direction of Lura Evans, women's physical education instructor, the group has worked out intricate swimming patterns and techniques performed to music. The team of 28 women has been rehearsing twice weekly since it was organized last fall.

Lee Wilson, Waukegan sophomore, is doing the choreography for the squad.

Individuals in the group receive no credit for their work. The team is purely recreational, organized as an interest group of the Women's Athletic Association.

ALUMNI REUNION DAY SET FOR JUNE 11

Conversation around the Alumni Service office is beginning to buzz as plans for the Alumni Reunion day get underway.

Saturday, June 11, has been selected as the big day! Classes ending in '0 and '5 will hold special class reunions, starting with the class of 1885.

The day's program will include meetings of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and the Legislative Council, class reunions, and the traditional alumni banquet. Governor William G. Stratton has accepted an invitation to speak at the new library cornerstone laying ceremony.

More complete plans for the big day will be presented in forthcoming issues of your alumni publications.

Dues Promotion Campaign

A dues promotional campaign is currently being conducted by the SIU Alumni Association.

Very soon you will receive through the mails a message from your Alumni Association urging you to join the more than 2200 other former students and graduates of Southern in membership in the association.

Membership dues are \$2.00 per year or \$3.00 per year for joint husband-wife memberships. A stamped, addressed envelope is being sent to you for your convenience.

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Trustees Approve New Faculty Appointments

The appointments of five new faculty members to begin teaching at Southern next fall were approved by the Board of Trustees in a meeting on Feb. 18.

Steven Barwick, who has served on the staffs of Harvard and Radcliffe Colleges was named associate professor of music. A student of famed pianist Claudio Arrau, he received a Ph.D. from Harvard and was later head of the music department at Blue Mountain College, Mississippi.

A teacher at Pennsylvania State University, Jessie A. Warden, was appointed associate professor of home economics. She has been on the staffs of the University of Utah and the University of Nebraska.

Mrs. Berniece Berry Handley will become an assistant professor in the University School, replacing Mrs. Ora Rogers, retired. A native of Kansas City, Mo., she taught elementary grades for 10 years and was supervisor of the Laboratory School at Columbia, Mo.

Another assistant professorship, in the art department, will go to Wright Putney, an art therapist at Pennsylvania State University, where he expects to receive a doctor's degree this summer. He previously taught at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology and was art supervisor in the Sorocco, N. M., schools.

Joyce L. Konzelman will replace Helen Starck, resigned, as an instructor in the University School. A former instructor at Indiana University, she is now an assistant professor at Iowa State.

The Board also approved 17 term appointments to the SIU faculty including Dr. Richard Lee, a West Frankfort physician, as one-half time acting director of the University Health Service, effective immediately.

Two former Southern staff members are returning to the campus. William R. Mattheis, now at the University of Florida, will be a lecturer in business administration, starting in March. He replaces Guy W. Trump who resigned to become dean of the U. S. Mercant Marine Academy. Jane Crichton, one-time personnel officer at Southern and later on the staff of the Red Cross in Germany, has returned as a research assistant.

The other term appointments include Howard D. Winters, University of Chicago assistant who accompanied Southern's archaeological expedition to Mexico, to be an assistant instructor of the Museum.



Miss Pat Bruce, Fairfield sophomore, accepts a trophy from Col. A. R. McMillan, SIU ROTC commander, during ceremonies in which she was crowned Military Queen. The election of Miss Bruce, who will hold the cadet rank of Lieutenant Colonel, was announced at the annual ROTC Military Ball on Jan. 28. She also holds the titles of "Miss Illinois" and 1954 Independent Student Association Sweetheart.

Peithmann Is Author Of Book On Indians

A new book, **Echoes of the Red Man**, is now available to the public, according to its author, Irvin M. Peithmann. Curator of archaeology in the SIU museum, Peithmann stated that he has been collecting material for the book, a study of the prehistoric life of the Indians in Southern Illinois, for the past ten years.

The book contains descriptions of the flora and wildlife of Southern Illinois as well as presenting evidences uncovered on the culture of the Indians of the area. It is approximately 150 pages long and contains 40 drawings and photographs of sites, artifacts, petroglyphs and burial mounds.

Peithmann, who came to Southern in 1931, is secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State Archaeological Society and a member of the Illinois State Academy of Science, Society of American Archaeology, and Midwest Museums Association. In 1940 he received the Gold Award for outstanding archaeological research from the Illinois State Archaeological Society.

Represents Methodists

Carolyn Jennings, sophomore from Olney, selected as one of 50 young Methodist students from the nation, participated in a youth seminar sponsored by the Methodist church in New York City and Washington, D. C., February 20-26.

Athletic Policy Approved

A new statement of policy by the Southern Illinois University Council on Intercollegiate Athletics has been approved by the SIU Board of Trustees.

The policy calls for encouragement of high standards in high school athletics and attracting to the University the best Southern Illinois high school students with sports experience. The Council said that intercollegiate athletics should be regarded as the "apex of a substantial program of physical education."

SIU President D. W. Morris heads the Council whose 13 members include faculty, students and alumni, Leodio Cabutti, '48, and John G. Gilbert, '33. The athletic and physical education departments are in the College of Education.

According to the new policy the University should establish athletic relations throughout the United States, particularly in the Midwest, and should be a member of a conference composed of schools with similar "purpose, organization, student body and general characteristics." SIU now belongs to the Interstate Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Board members received the assurance of the University athletic council that the small amount of financial aid given athletes will "conform in every respect with the principles of the conference and the association of which we are a member."

Board approval of the policy statement was requested for the guidance of those responsible for the athletic program.

Job Opportunities

As a service to Southern's alumni, the SOUTHERN ALUMNUS in each issue will carry a description of a few jobs currently listed with the Placement Service. For further information on these and other available positions, write the Placement Service, SIU.

★ A large grocery company is now recruiting to fill positions in accounting, personnel, manufacturing, merchandising, real estate, warehousing and transportation.

★ A city in northern Illinois is seeking teachers for next year in the special fields of speech correction, teaching the deaf and hard of hearing, visiting counselor, reading consultant, art consultant and music (instrumental and vocal). Salary is \$3400-\$5100 for Bachelor's, \$3600-\$5600 for Master's.

★ An Illinois town near St. Louis wants to hire a man to coach football and Boys' P.E. for next year. Salary is \$3500 for Bachelor's and \$3800 for Master's.

★ A university in New York state is offering an engineering fellowship. This is the Hannibal C. Ford Fellowship.

★ A large mail order company is looking for accountants. Salary is \$325 to \$500 a month.

★ A midwestern University town in Illinois has positions open now in Junior High, mathematics, and the educable mentally handicapped.

★ A baking company out of St. Louis is interested in hiring accountants and route salesmen.

★ An English-Library position is open for next year in Christian county. This position is in the high school.

★ A large light and gas company in Chicago is in need of accountants. Salary is \$341 a month and up.

★ A large city in Minnesota will be hiring teachers for next year in all grades, elementary through high school. Their salary schedule is \$3450 for Bachelor's and \$3800 for a Master's.

★ A town in Michigan has openings in all grades, elementary through high school for next year. Salary there is \$3800 for Bachelor's and \$4100 for Master's.

★ A large city in California, near Los Angeles, will be in need of teachers in art, commerce, homemaking, industrial arts, mathematics, physical education, science, and social living in high school and junior high school. They also need kindergarten and elementary teachers. Salary schedule is \$3876-\$5955 for a Bachelor's degree and \$4065-\$6700 for a Master's.

SOUTHERN SKETCHES

Mrs. Mabel Pulliam, supervisor of off-campus housing, is currently on a six-months leave of absence. She is attending San Diego State College. She will return to campus June 15. Frances Phillips, instructor in health education, was recently appointed to the Fellowship committee of The American School Health Association for a three-year term. She is one of six on the committee. William O. Winter, assistant professor of government, is author of a four-page article appearing in the 1953-54 edition of the Illinois Blue Book. The article is titled, "The Public School System and Special Purpose Districts in Illinois." Three members of the art department have accepted appointments to teach at other universities this coming summer: Robert A. Wiggs will serve for a second time as a visiting lecturer in art education at the University of Colorado; Milton F. Sullivan will return to Columbia University as a visiting instructor in art education; and Fred Lauritzen will set up a metal shop and teach metal work at the University of British Columbia. Lauritzen and his wife are having a show of ceramics, paintings and metalworks at Ohio State University through the month of April. Herman Lantz, associate professor of sociology, will be one of four judges in an essay contest for Illinois college students sponsored by the Planned Parenthood Association. Leon Moburg, art lecturer, exhibited 40 pieces of pottery in a show at Eastern Illinois State College in February. Charles D. Tenney, vice president, will serve as chairman of a meeting on, "What Should Be The Balance Between Liberal And Specialized Education?", at the 10th National Conference on Higher Education. The conference, to be held in Chicago Feb. 28-March 2, will bring together more than 800 faculty and administrators from throughout the country to study "The Meaning and Mission of Higher Education." George Bracewell, associate professor in teacher training, was in charge of a special citizenship education project workshop recently held on campus for the College of Education faculty. Elizabeth McKay, associate professor of guidance and special education, served as a consultant to teachers of the educable mentally handicapped in West Frankfort Feb. 14. Orville Alexander, chairman of the government department, and William Carruthers, Murphysboro superintendent of schools and IEA president, recently appeared before the board of directors of the Educational Council of 100, Inc., to discuss recommendations of the Illinois School Problems Commission. Floyd F. Cunningham, chairman of the geography and geology department, returned to campus Feb. 15 after a week in California. Cunningham appeared on the World Report Program of Tulare, Calif. He lectured on "Egypt—Yesterday and Today" and "The Middle East in Mid-Passage." He also addressed a meeting of the American Association of University Women in Visalia, Calif. Cunningham's lectures are based on his experiences and observations while a Fulbright lecturer at universities in Cairo, Egypt, last year. A brief summary of Southern's summer field session excavations in Durango, Mexico, under the co-direction of J. Charles Kelley, SIU museum director, and a news note on the 1954 summer archaeological survey work in the Cache River valley by Irvin Peithmann, curator of archaeology, are reported in the current issue of "American Antiquity," quarterly publication of the Society for American Archaeology. Shelby Shake, assistant professor of industrial arts, will be chairman of the 7th and 8th grade teachers section at the Illinois Industrial Education Association meeting in St. Louis March 3-5. Frank Bridges, assistant professor of health education, has been named Carbondale chairman of Jackson County's American Cancer Society's 1955 fund raising crusade. Frances Phillips, health education instructor, is co-chairman. Oliver Beimfohr and Marjorie Shank, associate professors of geography, attended a meeting of the Illinois Conservation Education Committee in Springfield on Feb. 11. Joseph Vavra, assistant professor of agriculture, was banquet speaker for the Kiwanis club of Mt. Carmel on Feb. 10. John W. Allen, Information Service, addressed a meeting of the Williamson County Historical Society in Marion on Feb. 6. Nancy Roos, physical education instructor, was recently appointed a member of the basketball committee of the National Section for Girls' and Women's Sports. She will serve on the committee for three years. Southern's instrumental quintet, under the direction of music instructor Robert Resnick, will perform at the Randolph county teachers meeting in Sparta on March 4. Phillip Olsson and Robert Forman, music instructors, are members of the quintet. Floyd Krubeck has resigned as assistant professor of industrial education to accept chairmanship of the industrial ed department at Nebraska State Teachers College in Kearney. He will leave at the end of the spring term. Paul Hunsinger, associate professor of speech, will address the Woman's Club of Anna on March 7.